



## **Hunter Mill Highlights**

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**Dear Hunter Mill Friends,**

**At Tuesday's meeting, County Executive Tony Griffin unveiled his proposed fiscal year budget for the County, his last before retiring in April. As our thoughts turn to the budget, we are concerned with not only the fiscal picture of Fairfax County, but also the fiscal focus and fine tuning of the Commonwealth.**

**The transfer of responsibilities from the Commonwealth to its local jurisdictions, or "devolution," has mostly been talked about in relation to transportation, and with good reason. However, it's not just transportation where we are seeing the state "devolve" its responsibilities. Around the state, dollars to support local programs are diminishing. These dollars are not coming from pet projects, items of insignificance, or areas otherwise deemed no longer necessary. The state is simply shifting its responsibility and funds away from core services essential to the daily lives of residents.**

**Since FY 2009, state funding for human services programs has decreased \$38 million, funding for public safety has decreased \$67 million, and funding for sheriffs, Commonwealth's Attorneys, Circuit Court Clerks, Commissioners of the Revenue, and Treasurers, has been reduced by \$11.5 million. But the most shocking is the cut of over \$800 million to K-12 education. But these aren't just local "programs." Rather, they are the essential components of our community – educating our kids, keeping our streets safe, protecting our most vulnerable Virginians. The success of the Commonwealth depends on the success of counties.**

**As President of the Virginia Association of Counties, I asked that the Board of Supervisors adopt a Resolution supporting the Virginia Association of Counties and its member jurisdictions in taking a position as it pertains to devolution.**

**I will be hosting two district **Community Meetings on the Budget** along with School Board representative Pat Hynes:**

- Saturday, March 24, at Reston Community Center-Hunters Woods, 10 a.m. to noon**
- Saturday, March 31, at Vienna Community Center, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

**Also attending will be staff from Tax Administration for assistance with tax relief for senior and disabled citizens. I hope you will be able to join us for an informative session.**

**Cathy Hudgins**

## **2-28-2012 Board Action Highlights**

Below are excerpts from the **February 28, 2012 Board of Supervisors** meeting that may be of interest to you as a Hunter Mill District constituent. For additional details, please go to the County's [Board Agenda and Meeting Schedule](#) section on the County's webpage. Some County links may not be active until later in the week.

### **APPOINTMENTS**

**Lucinda Stewart** was reappointed to the Animal Services Advisory Commission.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

**Admin1: Authorization for the Fire and Rescue Department to apply for funding from the Department of Homeland Security for a Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grant.** Approval to apply for funding to create 15 additional merit firefighter positions to ensure that there is adequate personnel to staff truck companies with five firefighters, according the National Fire Protection Association standard of four person minimum staffing.

**Admin 2: Authorization to advertise a public hearing on Amendments to the Code of the County of Fairfax, Chapter 82, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article 4 (Regulation of Traffic).** This amendment would repeal outdated sections of the article that contain largely duplicate language of code sections previously adopted by reference into Section 82-1-6.

**Admin 8: Additional time to commence construction for Special Exception Amendment SEA 01-H-027-02, One Reston Co LLC and Two Reston Co LLC.** As SEA 01-H-027-02 is still in conformance with all applicable provisions of the Fairfax County Zoning Ordinance to permit an increase in land area, building height and FAR, it is recommended a thirty (3) months of additional time resulting in a new expiration date of July 13, 2014.

**Admin 10: Authorization to advertise a Board of Supervisors' public hearing for April 10, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. for a Sewer Ordinance Amendment** to revise the sewer service charges, connection charges, availability charges, base charges and the meter reading date on which the new service charges will take effect.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

**Action 1: Approval of 2012 Forest Pest Management Suppression Program.** Overall, forest pests in Fairfax County are presently at manageable or minimal levels of infestation, however, vigilant testing and monitoring is recommended to stay on top of any outbreaks or increasing numbers.

**Gypsy Moth Suppression:** populations have remained low- no treatment warranted in 2012.

**Fall Cankerworm:** populations have increased– ground treatment for 150 acres.

**Emerald Ash Borer:** continue monitoring/testing with purple traps.

**Hemlock Wooly Adelgid:** staff to inventory County to identify natural stands

**Thousand Cankers Disease of Black Walnut:** continue outreach and monitoring efforts.

**Sudden Oak Death:** continue outreach education

**Asian Longhorned Beetle:** biggest threat facing forest ecosystems of Fairfax. Staff will develop management plan that will address outreach and monitoring with tree care professionals and the public.

**Action 2: Approval of new contract for the purchase of electrical service with the Northern Virginia Electric Cooperative.** New contract with NOVEC needed as old contract expired January 2011. NOVEC requested a 4.2 annual rate increase from local governments (\$125,600 increase from Fairfax County), but the Local Customer Group did not agree. State Corporation Commission final order and negotiations resulted in a new contract that called for a \$90,000 (0.4%) rate decrease over the 5 year contract.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**3:30 p.m. Public hearing on PRC 74-2-113-2** (Fairfax County Board of Supervisors) to approve the PRC plan associated with DPA **for reconstruction of a police station and government offices** located on approximately 8.44 acres of land zoned PRC and PCA 74-2-113-4 (Fairfax County Board of Supervisors) to amend the proffers for RZ 74-2-113 previously approved for governmental uses to permit modifications of approved proffers to site public facilities and DPA 74-2-113-8 (Fairfax County Board of Supervisors to permit the 8<sup>th</sup> amendment of the Development Plan for RZ 74-2-113 previously approved with unlimited FAR to permit site modifications.

**3:30 p.m. Public hearing on SE 2011-HM-018** (Corinthian Colleges, Inc., D/B/A Everest College) to permit a college/university, Zoned I-4 (8620 Westwood Center Drive, Vienna, VA).

**4:00 p.m. Public hearing on a proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment Re: Independent living facilities for low income residents** and modifications of the Administrative Provisions of the Affordable Dwelling Unit program and to the definitions of “Dwelling Unit” and Independent Living Facility”. Proposed amendment will create a new subset of the current independent living facility use to serve low income occupants with handicaps /disabilities and/or who are 62 of age and older.

- Creates an independent living facility use for low income residents with handicaps/disabilities and/or who are 62 years of age and older.
- Serve low income individuals who are 62 years of age and older (sometimes reduced by the Board to age 55) or adults meeting the Federal Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988.
- Individual complete dwelling units.
- Income limitations: 70% units that is not more than 50% AMI and 30% not more than 70% AMI
- Over-qualified individuals will have nine months to vacate vs 6 months.
- Flexibility in yard requirements when structure will resemble sf detached.
- Deletes permanent from the definition of a dwelling unit to help alleviate past misinterpretations of what features constitute the establishment of a separate dwelling unit within a dwelling unit.
- Add the word “disabilities” where the word handicap is currently used.
- Fiscal Impact: Staff proposes a \$1,100 application fee for the special exception, special permit, amendment to an existing development plan and/or proffered condition. However, advertised for a fee between \$0 and \$16,375.

**4:00 p.m. Public hearing on proposed amendments to Chapter 7 (Streets, Parking and Driveways) of the Public Facilities Manual (PFM) Re: Street Lights.** The proposed amendments to the PFM establish the following installation procedure in the Dominion service area:

- As soon as construction begins, require the developer to provide approved plans to Dominion showing all the street lighting improvements that have been bonded with the development.

- A minimum of 135 days prior to the desired street light installation date, require the developer to request that DPWES obtain a cost estimate and construction sketch for the street lights. Dominion will prepare and submit to DPWES a construction sketch and cost estimate within approximately 45 days. DPWES will review the construction sketch and cost estimate to ensure that the scope of the street light installations conforms to the approved plan and then forward the cost estimate to the developer for payment to the County.
- Require the developer to make full payment to the County for the street light installations within 30 days after receiving the copy of the cost estimate. After the payment has been received and cleared by the bank, DPWES will authorize Dominion to proceed with the street light installation.
- Require the developer to coordinate directly with Dominion to schedule the installation of street lights. This coordination shall be for installation of the wiring for the street lights, concurrently with the electric service, and the subsequent installation of the light poles, fixtures, and final connection when the site is ready for such work.
- Allow for the developer's bond reduction to account for the street light installation, once full payment has been made by the developer for the bonded street lights and all easements have been granted to Dominion.
- The proposed amendments to the PFM also delete the option to use MV lights for new street light installations.

**4:00 p.m. Public hearing on adopting of the Northern Virginia Regional Water Supply Plan.**

Board approved the plan as developed by the Northern Virginia Regional Commission in coordination with the 21 jurisdictions covered by the plan and local water utilities.

**4:30 p.m. Public Hearing to consider proposed amendments to the Home Child Care facilities Ordinance**, Chapter 30, Articles 1 and 3 of the Fairfax County Code to reflect current health and safety regulations, practices and codes; best practices in the field, updated state home child care regulations; and to reorganize and reword the ordinance for clarity. Substantive changes:

- Offenses that bar an applicant from obtaining a County home child care permit updated to reflect same as state licenses.
- Provider and all adult household members required to have TB screening bi-annually. Provide written emergency preparedness plan.
- Sixteen hours of training for all new and renewing providers/parity with state providers
- Provide adequate space for each child to allow free movement/active play indoors and out.
- Provide adequate sleeping equipment during rest times
- Substitute care can be provided up to 240 hours per calendar year. Substitute must pass criminal background checks, certified first aid, certified annually in CPR and TB screening bi-annually
- Additional regulations for swimming and wading activities / drowning hazard safety policy
- Home child care facility fire safety requirements

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